



ALEXANDRIA, VA.
SATURDAY EVENING, DEC. 3

MAJOR GENERAL LEONARD WOOD, chief of staff, in his annual report, points out many defects in the army and a lack of preparations for war and declares that it is imperative necessary that immediate steps should be taken to organize a proper reserve, consisting of not less than three hundred thousand men, from which the regular and militia organizations can promptly be filled to war strength with instructed men, and from which new organizations can be formed. General Wood, it will be remembered, was an obscure physician when the Spanish "war" began. He and Mr. Roosevelt organized a regiment of "rough riders," he becoming colonel and the latter lieutenant colonel thereof. Both knew so little about military tactics that but for a negro regiment their troops would have been annihilated at the battle of San Juan. When Mr. Roosevelt became president, he, over the heads of hundreds of experienced and efficient officers, appointed Dr. Wood to a position in the army, which, through favoritism and rapid promotion, soon placed him at its head. And now this made-to-order soldier, who never set a squadron in the field, says there must be an army of 300,000 men for him to command! From battle with Dr. Wood in command, may the Good Lord deliver us.

According to a Philadelphia councilman, women are to be avoided under present conditions. In an effort to curtail what is termed the long hat evil in that city an ordinance was introduced in council yesterday providing that no person upon the public streets or on conveyances shall be permitted to wear a hatpin the exposed point of which extends more than one-half inch beyond the crown of the hat. A fine of \$50 for each and every offense is provided for in the proposed ordinance. The councilman who introduced the ordinance is Dr. Cook, who confesses he does not know whether he reached the north pole or not, found his story a drug on the market, according to reports from London. It appears that for weeks Doctor Cook, eager to return to his home in Brooklyn, sought through a literary bureau to sell his latest story to London magazine publishers. One thousand dollars, it was said, was asked for the story which the London editors declined to accept. It is learned that Doctor Cook was in the United States early in November, having come to this country to conclude the arrangements with a magazine for the publication of his story. It is said in New York that Cook is about to go on the lecture platform.

At a meeting of the directors of the Round Hill Bank in London county a few days ago, it was decided to discontinue the institution. It will shortly liquidate all of its outstanding liabilities, without loss to stockholders or depositors. The opening of banks in Virginia is thought by many to have already gone too far. Throughout the state recently banks have opened in small villages where it seems almost impossible to do sufficient business to support them.

AFTER it was printed President Taft cut 6,000 words out of his message. He could well have cut out six times that number and then have 4,000 words left, according to reports, and that is sufficient for any message.

Unwritten Law Defense. Vincennes, Ind., Dec. 3.—In support of her husband's plea that he shot and killed Charles Gibson, a wealthy oil field operator, in a fit of madness induced by her confession that she had been attacked by Gibson, Mrs. Menlo Moore related her story yesterday to the jury before which Moore is being tried for Gibson's murder.

Gibson, she said, told her that her husband was not true to her, and offered to prove it by taking her to a country place last July, where, he said, her husband had an appointment with a woman. She accepted and accompanied Gibson to the place. Her husband was not there.

Mrs. Moore testified that Gibson attacked her and thereafter forced her to continue the relations by threatening to expose her to her husband. She made trips with Gibson to Cincinnati and St. Louis during her husband's absence from home. Her confession to her husband followed the receipt by him of an anonymous letter advising him that his wife and Gibson were subjects of public gossip.

During his wife's recital Moore sat apparently in a stupor in the prisoner's dock.

FROM WASHINGTON

Senator Bristow, of Kansas, has arrived in Washington for the session. He said that if the republican party had kept its promise to revise the tariff downward it would not have been defeated. He thinks the people are tired of the high protection theory and want a tariff for revenue only.

A special order has been issued by the Department of Agriculture placing the ban upon the importation of horses, asses, mules, sheep, goats, and swine from any of the countries of Asia or Africa. The special law signed by the secretary of agriculture specifically warns the steamship lines plying between the United States and any of the countries of Asia and Africa that the landing of any animal is forbidden at any port of the United States, the territories, or dependencies thereof.

The secretary of agriculture said today that certain contagious, infectious and communicable diseases dangerous to the live stock of this country exist among the animals of Asia and Africa.

The Thirteenth census will go down in the columns of history Saturday, December 10, when Director Durand will announce the total population of the United States. The director said today that the final figures were near completion and that the announcement would be made upon the verification of the results. A statement will also be made regarding the announcement.

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POLITICS IN ENGLAND.

The Crisis of the House of Lords—Betting in Favor of Labor—Irish Alliance.

London, Dec. 3.—That the House of Lords may weather the storm and remain in possession of its power to veto the radical legislation fostered by the House of Commons, is coming to be more general today. Although the betting on the stock exchange today was 4 to 1 that the liberal Irish alliance will be in the majority in the next House of Commons as a result of the pending elections, the bets are not that the majority will be a big one.

On the other hand, it is asserted in many circles that the liberals alone will not have as many votes as the conservatives, but will be forced to call upon their labor-Irish allies for votes to pass any measure opposed by the conservatives.

A victory by such a narrow margin for the liberals does not indicate that King George will execute the anti-Irish policy of the liberals, led by Premier Asquith and Chancellor Lloyd-George. The liberals demand that in the event of a liberal victory, King George shall create sufficient liberal peers in the House of Lords to pass a bill removing the last vestige of power from the lords and making the hereditary body merely a consultative institution.

On all hands it is conceded today that the offer of 1,000 pounds a week (\$5,000) made to the Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd-George by an American vaudeville concern, will materially damage the cause of the liberals.

Cohan & Harris, American managers, cabled Lloyd-George an offer of \$5,000 weekly for three weeks to deliver some of his famous "lincolnhouses," but in the same year. For the past twenty years he has practiced law at St. Louis. He is president of the American Bar Association and as chairman of the board freeholders of the city of St. Louis.

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TURKEY AND RUSSIA.

War Likely to Result from Russia's Encroachments in Persia.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 3.—Fearing active aggression on the part of Turkey the czar has ordered heavy mobilization of troops in the province of Kars, in the trans-Caucasian district, adjoining Turkey.

Although the cause of trouble between Turkey and Russia is likely to be Russia's encroachments in Persia, it is known that Turkey is extremely anxious to win back the Kars province, which has been seized from the sultan three times by the czar.

The Young Turks' officers, it is said here, believe that a big war, with victory for Turkish arms, would add great prestige to their party, as well as give them chances for military renown. For this reason they seem determined to press war upon some one, and the czar's advisers believe Russia has been selected as the most suitable opponent.

Kars province was taken from Turkey by the Russians first in 1825 and won back by the Turks. It was taken again in 1855, and again Turkey won it back. Again Russia seized it in 1877, and it was finally ceded to the czar in 1878. The capital of the province is Kars, a strongly fortified town, and a place of great strategic importance to Russia. Realizing this fact Russia is rushing troops there to protect the city, which is connected by railroad with Tiflis.

The population of the province is one-half Mohammedans and one-fourth Armenians. The province, when it belonged to Turkey, was a part of Turkish Armenia.

The West Virginia Murder. Sistersville, W. Va.,—After sitting all night hearing evidence relative to the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Allen, 87, who was found dead in her home at Sistersville, the coroner's jury today returned a verdict finding the aged woman had been murdered. Immediately after the result of the inquest was announced, prosecuting attorney K. C. Moore, declared that he had three prominent persons under surveillance and that an arrest or arrests within the next 48 hours.

SUGGESTS FOOTBALL CHANGES. The abolition of the forward pass, over the line of scrimmage, reduction of the distance to be gained in four downs from ten to seven yards, and allowing the runner to "back on" to another player in hitting the line, are three football changes that George Foster Sanford, the "man who built Yale's" wonderful defense this year, believes would greatly help the game. Sanford says the rules committee has plenty of work to do before the game reaches the desired popularity. The three changes mentioned he considers the most important.

Church About to Split. Cleveland, Dec. 3.—Cleveland's Euclid Avenue Baptist Church is facing a possible split on the question of making divorced persons ineligible for membership.

In the first round of the fight which took place last night, those opposed to a divorce law, when they succeeded in keeping the question from being put to the congregation for action. However, a special committee appointed several weeks ago to draw up new rules and regulations insists that it will still get the question before the congregation and force a vote.

If you are suffering from biliousness, constipation, indigestion, chronic headache, invest one cent in a postal card, send to Chamberlain Medicine Co., Des Moines, Iowa, with your name and address plain on the back, and they will forward you a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Sold by W. F. Creighton and Richard Gibson.

The greatest danger from influenza is of its resulting in pneumonia. This can be obviated by using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, as it not only cures influenza, but counteracts any tendency of the disease towards pneumonia. Sold by W. F. Creighton and Richard Gibson.

Believes Roosevelt was Eliminated. New York, Dec. 3.—The recent election, I think, eliminated Theodore Roosevelt as a serious factor in national politics.

This was the declaration to the United Press today of Governor Thomas Marshall, of Indiana, who came on to New York to tell the Indiana Society of New York, at its annual dinner last night that Hoosierdom is still above par.

Station Agent Murdered. Salt Lake, Utah, Dec. 3.—A report reached here today that armed bandits had held up the Union Pacific station house at Devil's Slide, Utah, murdered the station agent, and escaped with all the money in the station. The robbers cut the telegraph and telephone wires before they fled.

Cut Off Husband's Thumb. Findlay, O., Dec. 3.—After this, when U. H. Grable and family plan to have chicken for dinner, Grable will have his wife hold the chicken while he cuts off the head. Today Grable held the chicken and let his wife perform the decapitation. She missed the head but was successful in cutting off Grable's thumb.

American Sailors Entertained. London, Dec. 3.—Seven hundred and fifty of the American sailors from the battleship fleet were entertained at luncheon in Guild Hall today by Sir Thomas Vesey Stirling, the Lord Mayor, and the corporation of the city of London. The Blue Jacket were headed by Commander Sims of the Minnesota, and the officers of his staff. The band of the Cold Stream Guards, ordered out by the War Office, marched ahead of the Americans to the banquet hall.

Peace Negotiations. Mexico City, Dec. 3.—That peace negotiations will be opened by the government with the leaders of the revolutionists looking to suspension of hostilities, was announced today.

Demand Increase in Wages. Chicago, Dec. 3.—Demanding wage increases of nearly \$5,000 annually, representatives of about 55,000 conductors and trainmen employed on sixty railroads west of Chicago are in conference here today with the general managers of the roads. The increases asked average about 15 per cent.

It is expected the conferences will continue several weeks. The employees are represented by eighty-five general chairmen of the organizations on different roads and by A. B. Garretson, president of the order of Railway Conductors, and W. C. Lee, grand master of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

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Jahara led a wife in Damascus to bring Marie to her cousin in this country, but both declared that the wife was a willing party to the escape, "as all are Christians." He planned to return as soon as he got Marie safely to this country. He was greatly depressed at the outcome of their exploit, but Marie was able to alternate smiles with tears, and show her flashing white teeth. The smiles vanished, however, when she thought of the fate of falling into the hands of the "bad pasha," who saw her dance in the palace of Pasha Oura.

Connecticut's reception to Col. John S. Mosby bids fair to be one of the most memorable events in the remarkable career of this most distinguished of living Confederate leaders. Some of the most prominent citizens in the state are making active preparations to receive him with great cordiality and are making every effort to impress him with a sense of northern hospitality.

In New Haven, Col. Mosby will also be greeted Monday evening, December 5, the night before his reception and lecture in the Grand Opera House, by the 150 southern students in Yale, who will tender him a reception at the University Club. [New Haven Journal-Courier.]

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